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SUBJECT: Periodic Intelligence Reports and Warnings of Soviet
Military Aggression

THRU : Executive, National Military Representatives (SHAPE)

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1. This is to express appreciation for the increase which has taken place in the volume of intelligence forwarded to SHAPE by the national staffs and for the improvement in its quality. It is highly gratifying and encouraging that a system for the international exchange of intelligence has become so effective within such a short period of time. It is evident, furthermore, that the present trend can be expected to continue.

2. The frequency with which national staffs report has also been increased to the point that some are now on a daily basis and most others on at least a weekly basis. This Division has found that reports received not less frequently than once weekly are the most useful. It is requested, therefore, that in the future all national staffs forward a weekly intelligence report. This, of course, will not affect those staffs already doing so or reporting more frequently.

3. It is further requested that all national staffs forward to SHAPE each week an estimate of the indications of Soviet military aggression. These should be carefully considered opinions, based upon analysis of intelligence available, of whether or not hostilities are imminent -- whether it appears that the Soviet Bloc intends to commence hostilities by initiating military aggression in the area of responsibility of Allied Command Europe. Receipt

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of these estimates from all national staffs will be of the greatest value in enabling the Intelligence Division, SHAPE to recognize and make timely warning to SACEUR of the imminence of hostilities. For maximum effectiveness, all messages should arrive on the same day, and Thursday has been selected as most suitable. Transmission should be by the most expeditious method -- in most instances by electrical means -- and messages should be given high enough priority to ensure prompt receipt by SHAPE. It is requested that these reports be initiated Thursday, 5 May or earlier, if possible.

FOR THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER EUROPE:

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